

Track Team Opens Thursday

Kings Mountain High's boys track team will open its season Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at East Gaston against the host Warriors, South Point and North Gaston.

First-year head coach John Goforth hopes to see his team be competitive in the always-tough Southwestern 3-A Conference this year, and today's meet will give him a good indication as to how tough the Mountaineers will be since East Gaston is always one of the teams to beat.

"I just don't know what other people have," says Goforth who came here last fall from Florida. "We're going to have some experience and will be strong in the field events and fairly strong in the distance events. Our whole year hinges on the relays and short sprints. If we can score well there, we will do real well."

One thing working in the Mountaineers favor is that they have a lot of men on the team this year. Last year's team dwindled to nine men at the end of the year and the Mounties still

finished fourth in the SWC.

Top returnees are All-Conference standouts Monte Huffstetler and John Foster. Huffstetler ran the 1600 meters last year but will run the 800 this year. Foster should rank among the best in the SWC in the 3200 meters.

In the hurdles, Goforth expects good things from sophomore Aubrey Hollifield; and Calvin Stephens, Thernon Brown and Keith Pettus will make the Mountaineers competitive in the shot and discus. Stephens, a junior, won the conference in both of those events last year.

Eddie Blanton and Tony Moore look good in the high jump and Otis Brooks will be competitive in the long jump and triple jump. Mike Grier will be strong in the 100 and Ronnie Frazier and Junior Melton will compete in the 400. Sprinters include Jerry Currence, Jerard McClary, Andre Edwards, Andre Byers, Ben Lockhart and Derek Spann. Distance runners include Scott Barnes, Steve Lineberry, Patrick

Hamrick and Matthew Bradshaw, and Thurman Thompson returns in the pole vault.

The Mountaineers will not have a home meet this year but will face all of the tough SWC teams in away meets and tournaments. The Mounties will compete in the Crest Invitational on April 11, the Shelby Invitational on April 18 and the Cleveland County Meet at Crest on April 25. The SWC meet is scheduled for May 2 at North Gaston.

THE SCHEDULE

- MARCH**
14 - at E. Gaston
21 - at S. Point
28 - at East Ruth.
- APRIL**
4 - at N. Gaston
11 - at Crest Inv.
18 - at Shelby Inv.
25 - CC Meet at Crest
- MAY**
2 - SWC meet at N. Gaston



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Schedules

Kings Mountain High-Junior High sports schedules for the coming week:

- BASEBALL**
Thursday, Huss at KMHS, 4 p.m.
Monday, West Lincoln at Jr. High, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, R-S Central at KMHS, 4 p.m.
- GOLF**
Thursday, KMHS at East Rutherford
- SOFTBALL**
Saturday, Huss at KMHS, 2 p.m.
Monday, KMHS at R-S Central, 4 p.m.
- TRACK**
Thursday, KMHS boys at East Gaston
Wed., Mar. 20, Crest and Shelby girls at KMHS, 4 p.m.



TOP HITTER - Yvette Moore is leading the hitting for Kings Mountain High's softball team after the first five games. Her .600 average and four home runs have led the Mountaineers to a 4-1 record. KM hosts Hunter Huss Saturday at 2 p.m. at the junior high field.

Photo by Gary Stewart

Softball

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play from Joanna Boheler, Edie Herndon, Odell and others.

The KM ladies return home Saturday at 2 p.m. to host 4-A Hunter Huss before opening Southwestern 3-A Conference play Monday at R-S Central.

"We're real appreciative of the support we got from our parents and fans in last week's round-robin," said Clark. "We hope to see a lot of familiar faces out there Saturday. These girls play exciting softball and it really helps them when the people come out to watch."



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